the best guarantor of its continuance; a Rohm or a Jagoda transformed overnight from heroes into villains. When instead of one large orchestra with one omnipotent conductor, there are many little bands, string, wood, brass, professional and amateur, all producing their own versions of a selected composition, to change that composition is a difficult undertaking. Some conductors will take longer than others to master the new harmony; some, out of obstinacy or obtuseness, will continue with the old one, or take the opportunity to apply for a rise in salary; separate instruments, even, may prove obdurate, trumpet or cello blithely continuing to disregard the changed score, thereby producing discord.

A King credited with all virtues, whose charm and sincerity had been constantly praised, whose fitness for his high calling had never before been questioned, had suddenly to be put down from his eminence, scorned and rejected, and in his place another King exalted. It took time, it could not be done in the twinkling of an eye. The Archbishop of Canterbury, prone to misjudge prevailing sentiment,[39] weighed in too soon with what seemed a malignant attack on a fallen adversary—

'Even more strange it is that he should have sought his happiness in a manner inconsistent with the Christian principles of marriage, and within a circle whose standards and ways of life are alien to all the best instincts and traditions of his people/ and was, in consequence, for a time highly unpopular. Subtler and better-timed denigratory efforts were more efficacious; and

it soon became apparent that an idol had indeed fallen, that whereas King Edward VIII had been admired as few individuals have, the Duke of Windsor would easily be forgotten.

Interest in him soon subsided; his marriage to Mrs. Simpson, celebrated in Paris, received less attention than the Duke of Norfolk's, and when, on the outbreak of war, he returned to

[39] At the beginning of the last war, he came in for much obloquy by recalling in a public address how, when Queen Victoria died, he had seen the Kaiser and King Edward VH kneeling together by her mortal remains.